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public highway or the right-of-way of a public highway.

(c) The law must provide for primary enforcement.

(d) *Exceptions.* (1) If a State has in effect a law that makes unlawful the possession of any open alcoholic beverage container and the consumption of any alcoholic beverage in the passenger area of any motor vehicle, but permits the possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a locked glove compartment, or behind the last upright seat or in an area not normally occupied by the driver or a passenger in a motor vehicle that is not equipped with a trunk, the State shall be deemed to have in effect a law that applies to the passenger area of any vehicle, as provided in paragraph (b)(2) of this section.

(2) If a State has in effect a law that makes unlawful the possession of any open alcoholic beverage container or the consumption of any alcoholic beverage by the driver (but not by a passenger) in the passenger area of a motor vehicle designed, maintained, or used primarily for the transportation of persons for compensation, or in the living quarters of a house coach or house trailer, the State shall be deemed to have in effect a law that applies to all occupants of a motor vehicle, as provided in paragraph (b)(4) of this section.

§ 1270.5 Certification requirements.

(a) Until a State has been determined to be in compliance, or after a State has been determined to be in non-compliance, with the requirements of 23 U.S.C. 154, to avoid the transfer of funds in any fiscal year, beginning with FY 2001, the State shall certify to the Secretary of Transportation, on or before September 30 of the previous fiscal year, that it meets the requirements of 23 U.S.C. 154 and this part.

(b) The certification shall be made by an appropriate State official, and it shall provide that the State has enacted and is enforcing an open container law that conforms to 23 U.S.C. 154 and § 1270.4 of this part.

(1) If the State's open container law is currently in effect and is being enforced, the certification shall be worded as follows:

(Name of certifying official), (position title), of the (State or Commonwealth) of _____, do hereby certify that the (State or Commonwealth) of _____, has enacted and is enforcing an open container law that conforms to the requirements of 23 U.S.C. 154 and 23 CFR 1270.4, (citations to pertinent State statutes, regulations, case law or other binding legal requirements, including definitions, as needed).

(2) If the State's open container law is not currently in effect, but will become effective and be enforced by October 1 of the following fiscal year, the certification shall be worded as follows:

(Name of certifying official), (position title), of the (State or Commonwealth) of _____, do hereby certify that the (State or Commonwealth) of _____, has enacted an open container law that conforms to the requirements of 23 U.S.C. 154 and 23 CFR 1270.4, (citations to pertinent State statutes, regulations, case law or other binding legal requirements, including definitions, as needed), and will become effective and be enforced as of (effective date of the law).

(c) An original and four copies of the certification shall be submitted to the appropriate NHTSA Regional Administrator. Each Regional Administrator will forward the certifications to the appropriate NHTSA and FHWA offices.

(d) Once a State has been determined to be in compliance with the requirements of 23 U.S.C. 154, it is not required to submit additional certifications, except that the State shall promptly submit an amendment or supplement to its certification provided under paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section if the State's open container law changes or the State ceases to enforce such law.

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§ 1270.6 Transfer of funds.

(a) On October 1, 2000, and October 1, 2001, if a State does not have in effect or is not enforcing the law described in § 1270.4, the Secretary shall transfer an amount equal to 1½ percent of the funds apportioned to the State for that fiscal year under each of 23 U.S.C. 104(b)(1), (b)(3), and (b)(4) to the apportionment of the State under 23 U.S.C. 402.

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(b) On October 1, 2002, and each October 1 thereafter, if a State does not have in effect or is not enforcing the law described in § 1270.4, the Secretary shall transfer an amount equal to 3 percent of the funds apportioned to the State for that fiscal year under each of 23 U.S.C. 104(b)(1), (b)(3), and (b)(4) to the apportionment of the State under 23 U.S.C. 402.

(c) On October 1, the transfers to Section 402 apportionments will be made based on proportionate amounts from each of the apportionments under Sections 104(b)(1), (b)(3) and (b)(4). Then the State's Department of Transportation will be given until October 30 to notify FHWA, through the appropriate Division Administrator, if they would like to change the distribution among Section 104(b)(1), (b)(3) and (b)(4).

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§ 1270.7 Use of transferred funds.

(a) Any funds transferred under § 1270.6 may:

(1) Be used for approved projects for alcohol-impaired driving countermeasures; or

(2) Be directed to State and local law enforcement agencies for enforcement of laws prohibiting driving while intoxicated or driving under the influence and other related laws (including regulations), including the purchase of equipment, the training of officers, and the use of additional personnel for specific alcohol-impaired driving countermeasures, dedicated to enforcement of the laws (including regulations).

(b) States may elect to use all or a portion of the transferred funds for hazard elimination activities eligible under 23 U.S.C. 152.

(c) No later than 60 days after the funds are transferred under § 1270.6, the Governor's Representative for Highway Safety and the Secretary of the State's Department of Transportation for each State shall jointly identify, in writing to the appropriate NHTSA Administrator and FHWA Division Administrator, how the funds will be programmed among alcohol-impaired driving programs, hazard elimination programs and planning and administration costs.

(d) The Federal share of the cost of any project carried out with the funds transferred under § 1270.6 of this part shall be 100 percent.

(e) The amount to be transferred under § 1270.6 of this part may be derived from one or more of the following:

(1) The apportionment of the State under § 104(b)(1);

(2) The apportionment of the State under § 104(b)(3); or

(3) The apportionment of the State under § 104(b)(4).

(f)(1) If any funds are transferred under § 1270.6 of this part to the apportionment of a State under Section 402 for a fiscal year, an amount, determined under paragraph (e)(2) of this section, of obligation authority will be distributed for the fiscal year to the State for Federal-aid highways and highway safety construction programs for carrying out projects under Section 402.

(2) The amount of obligation authority referred to in paragraph (e)(1) of this section shall be determined by multiplying:

(i) The amount of funds transferred under § 1270.6 of this part to the apportionment of the State under Section 402 for the fiscal year; by

(ii) The ratio that:

(A) The amount of obligation authority distributed for the fiscal year to the State for Federal-aid highways and highway safety construction programs; bears to

(B) The total of the sums apportioned to the State for Federal-aid highways and highway safety construction programs (excluding sums not subject to any obligation limitation) for the fiscal year.

(g) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no limitation on the total obligations for highway safety programs under Section 402 shall apply to funds transferred under § 1270.6 to the apportionment of a State under such section.

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§ 1270.8 Procedures affecting States in noncompliance.

(a) Each fiscal year, each State determined to be in noncompliance with 23